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MINUTES OF THE MEETING, DOD GRILL FLAME COMMITTEE

1. (U) Place: DIA/DT Conference Room, Pomponio Plaza.
2. (U) Time and Date: 0930 hours, 28 November 1978.
3. (U) Attendees: See enclosure 1.
4. (S/ORCON) Following the introductions, Dr. Vorona provided opening comments to the group. He cautioned the Committee to maintain a low profile with minimal fanfare. The sensitivity of the subject material requires that all participants be circumspect in any outside discussion of the program.
5. (U) Following these comments, the agenda was reviewed. No additions or changes were recommended.
6. (S/ORCON) The group then discussed possible names for the organization. It was decided that "GRILL FLAME COMMITTEE," following the title given to the US Army program, would be acceptable to all participants.
7. (S/ORCON) The group then agreed to establish limited access rosters. Each member organization is to develop its own roster and these will be made available to the other members of the Committee. Permanent members must possess SI/TK clearances, although participants of some "ad hoc" groups and individuals involved in research programs will only be required to have SECRET clearances.
8. (S/ORCON) The GRILL FLAME Oversight Committee has the following members:

Dr. Jack Vorona, DIA  
MG E. R. Thompson, Army ACSI  
RADM S. Shapiro, Commander, NIC  
Maj Gen J. L. Brown, Air Force ACSI  
Dr. Lowell Dailey, USDR&E Representative

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9. (S/ORCON) An "ad hoc" working group was established to develop Committee goals and objectives. Participants are as follows:

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Mr. Dale Graff, FTD  
Dr. Bill Mehuron, Navy

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[REDACTED] DIA  
Maj Bill Stoner, Army OACSI  
[REDACTED]  
Maj Murray Watt, INSCOM

The group will hold its first meeting in January, 1979.

10. (C) Maj Stoner then addressed problems involved with the Privacy Act and the security of the GRILL FLAME program. Army plans to develop a security agreement to preclude compromise of the program and associated activities. In addition, the DIA Legal Counsel will be contacted for his comments.

11. (S/ORCON) Dr. Mehuron suggested that the Committee have as one of its goals the identification and extent of the Soviet parapsychology programs. He also urged that we identify current parapsychology intelligence collection requirements, develop additional requirements and task [REDACTED]. It was agreed that this should be done. Current collection requirements will be provided at the next meeting.

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12. (S/ORCON) A discussion followed on the possibility of inviting CIA to attend the meetings. It was agreed that [REDACTED] would contact [REDACTED] and suggest that a CIA representative attend subsequent meetings.

13. (S/ORCON) The Committee concurred with the recommendation that each member organization maintain control over its own parapsychology research contracts. However, all Committee members will have cognizance of the total DoD contractual efforts in this area.

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15. (C) The problem of document downgrading was also brought to the floor. The Committee agreed that all documents originating as a result of the GRILL FLAME program would undergo downgrading review only after 20 years.

16. (S/ORCON) Mr. Graff next suggested that a cover story be developed for the program; Dr. Vorona suggested that the National Academy of Sciences might back an open program to investigate paranormal phenomena. The recommendation will be brought to Dr. Davis' attention.

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17. (S/ORCON) Dr. Vorona then urged the development of experimental protocol and methods for validating experiments. As a result, an "ad hoc" working group was established to accomplish this task. Members are as follows:

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Mr. Dale Graff, FTD  
Mr. John Kramar, AMSAA  
Dr. Bill Mehuron, Navy

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[REDACTED] DIA  
Maj Murray Watt, INSCOM

The working group will hold its first meeting in January, 1979.

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18. (S/ORCON) [REDACTED] next provided a review of the SRI remote viewing experiments carried out at DIA this past summer. The results appear to be inconclusive, but satisfactory data interpretation keys must still be developed. A summary of the experiments is attached as enclosure 9.

19. (U) The next meeting of the GRILL FLAME Committee will be 13 February 1979.

20. (U) The meeting adjourned at 1210 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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9 Enclosures

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